

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 531

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on April 19, 2005 at
9:10 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Eve Franklin, Chairman (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Ralph L. Lenhart (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Leighton, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion
are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 531, 4/18/2005
Executive Action:

CHAIR SCHMIDT opened the hearing and stated that there is a slight change in the funding of this bill.

REP. SALES stated that he loves the amendments done in the Senate.

REP. FRANKLIN attested that she has one additional amendment. She proposed that in lieu of inserting \$1 million, they insert \$750,000. She explained that the initial \$1.5 million was struck and it was decreased to \$375,000. However, the amount of \$750,000 is a significant increase for a very worthy cause.

EXHIBIT(cch84hb0531a01)

SEN. SCHMIDT said she concurs with REP. FRANKLIN. She spoke with individuals from the McLaughlin Institute; this institute does great things such as researching Mad Cow Disease and Alzheimer's Disease.

SEN. BLACK attested that he is struggling with this. He knows that the McLaughlin Institute does great work, however HB 2 took money away from an institute in Shelby. He does not see why Montana should take money away from some institutes and give it to others. It is not good business.

REP. LENHART claimed that this money is not for Great Falls, it is for the McLaughlin Institute. This money will be used to further their research needs; research that will potentially help such ailments as Alzheimer's Disease and Mad Cow Disease. He would certainly support this.

REP. FRANKLIN asked SEN. BLACK to look at each issue on it's merits.

Motion/Vote: **REP. FRANKLIN MOVED AMENDMENT HB053102.agp BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with SEN. BLACK, REP. SALES and REP. HAWK voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:20 A.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

KIM LEIGHTON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([cch84hb0531aad0.PDF](#))